

## Remarks and Conclusion

Claims 14-16, 18-23, 27-30, and 31-36 are now pending in the Application. Claims 1-13, 17, 24-26 have been cancelled for purposes of clarifying certain aspects of the invention and/or to differentiate from US Patent Application Serial No. 10/924,339. However, the public should not consider the cancelled claims as any admission to the patentability of the cancelled claims, and the applicant expressly reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a continuing or divisional application.

Claims 14-16, 18-23, 27-30 and 31-36 are believed to be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe that a telephonic or in-person conference would expedite prosecution of this application, they are invited to contact the Applicant at the contacts listed below.

Respectfully Submitted

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